

Work is in progress in Paschin Vihar, Vikas Puri, Rohini Sector 15 and 18, and in CPWD colonies of North West Moti Bagh, South West Moti Bagh, Andrews Ganj, Sadiq Nagar and R.K. Puram Sector 9. PNG supply shall also be available in CPWD colony of Srinivasपुरi in FY 2006-07, if permissions are granted by land-owning agencies.

Areas where PNG connections have been provided in Mumbai

MGL is currently operating in Mumbai, Thane, Belapur, Navi Mumbai and Vashi areas. As of date, PNG has been made available in almost all areas of Mumbai, viz., from Bandra to Dahisar in Western suburbs, Chembur to Mulund in Eastern suburbs, Versova, Lokhandwala, Juhu, Mahim, Matunga, Shivaji Park, Prabhadevi and Sion areas. In the expansion areas, PNG has been made available in Thane and Mira-Bhayander.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Facilities to physically challenged passengers

2104. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DGCA has asked domestic airlines to be sensitive to the needs of physically challenged following a litany of complaints from passengers;

(b) if so, the details of the directions issued in this regard;

(c) whether the directions have been implemented, if so, to what extent; and

(d) if not the reasons for non-implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has directed each airline to make a requirement for physically challenged passengers in their

respective Citizen Charter, which provides information on various facilities provided by the airlines to physically challenged passengers. Information in this regard is available on the website of the respective airlines.

(c) and (d) The requirements contained in the Citizen Charter on physically challenged persons is being complied with by the airlines.

Land for development of airports

2105. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of airports for which land has been given to Airports Authority of India for development by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the work on these airports have been completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for non-completion of work and by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) State Government has acquired and handed over 30 and 355.66 acres of land to Airports Authority of India (AAI) at Jabalpur and Khajuraho airports respectively free of cost and free from all encumbrances.

(b) and (c) At Jabalpur airport, construction of a new Terminal Building and strengthening and extension of runway to 6500 feet has been completed.

At Khajuraho airport, strengthening and extension of runway to 7500 feet has been completed and construction of Integrated Terminal Building and apron etc. is planning stage and expected to be completed by December, 2008.

Improvement in baggage screening at airport

2106. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received proposals from various quarters for better baggage screening at airports;

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